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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/608,548	Applicant(s) KIGHT ET AL.	
	Examiner Stefano Karmis	Art Unit 3624	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following communication is in response to Applicant's amendment filed 25 April 2005.

Status of Claims

2. Claims 1, 3, 10 and 17 are currently amended. Claims 2, 4-9, 11-16 and 18-20 are left as originally filed. Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 25 April 2005 regarding the rejection of claims 1-20 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive as discussed below. Therefore claims 1-20 remain rejected as stated in the previous office action, mailed 25 January 2005.

Priority

4. Applicant has not complied with one or more conditions for receiving the benefit of an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 119 (e) as follows:

The later-filed application must be an application for a patent for an invention which is also disclosed in the prior application (the parent or original nonprovisional application or

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provisional application); the disclosure of the invention in the parent application and in the later-filed application must be sufficient to comply with the requirements of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112. See *Transco Products, Inc. v. Performance Contracting, Inc.*, 38 F.3d 551, 32 USPQ2d 1077 (Fed. Cir. 1994).

The instant application is a continuation of application 09/795,314. However significant portions of the specification are different and the applications do not contain the same disclosure. New matter has been added to the instant application. Therefore the claimed priority is invalid. Further, Applicant claims the instant application is a division of 09/034,561 now Patent Number 6,289,322. This application contains no reference to risk determination as required in the instant application in each of the independent claims and this new matter has been added to the instant application. Therefore, the applications are deemed to have different fields of endeavor and the priority to the divisional application is not considered. Applicant should claim the instant application as a continuation-in-part to the parent applications, not a straight continuation.

Regarding Applicant's remarks, Applicant submits that priority is claimed based on a first line or parentage "mother-side parentage" and on to a grandparent mother-side application. Continuing, Applicant asserts that priority is claimed on a second line parentage "father-side parentage" and on to a grandparent father-side application. Thus the present application specification incorporates the disclosures from both the mother-side parentage and father-side parentage to achieve priority. However, this combination of disclosers is improper for establishing a priority date. Patent in suit is not eligible for earlier filing date based on two

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earlier-filed applications, since disclosures of two earlier filed applications cannot be combined to acquire earlier filing date under 35 USC 120, since neither application alone shows complete possession of invention claims in patent, and since individual claims of patent thus could not have been added to any single, previously filed application without introducing new matter *Studiengesellschaft Kohle m.b.H. v. Shell Oil Co.* (CA FC) 42 USPQ2d 1674. Therefore claims 1-20 remain rejected and Applicant's request for allowance is respectfully declined.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stefano Karmis whose telephone number is (571) 272-6744. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Respectfully Submitted
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10 August 2005

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